

I urge the commissioners to support the removal of the morse code proficiency examination. Morse code is much like any other 'mode' such as PSK or RTTY. There are currently no requirements to test for proficiency in using those modes.

Many have indicated that the Morse code proficiency test is a kind of 'high bar' that provides a filter to those individuals with little interest in the stated goals of Amateur Radio aside from being able to use it like a 'telephone'. I disagree with these specious arguments and urge the commission to drop the 'code' requirements in thier entirety for amateur radio licensing.

Best regards,
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